

Today in Corps history:

June 4, 1942: VMSB-241, VMF-221 and the 6th Defense Battalion begin the Battle of Midway.

Source: Marine Corps History

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Depot Marines help Beaufort remember fallen

As residents from across the Lowcountry stood silently among the graves of fallen heroes, the Parris Island Marine Band played "God Bless America," ...
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THE BOOT



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Depot News

NMCI USERS REQUIRED TO UPDATE ID CARDS

All Marines, civilian employees and civilian contractors who have migrated to NMCI are required to update their Common Access Cards to revalidate their PIN and new e-mail address before June 30.

Walk-ins are welcome from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday and appointments can be made at <https://es.cac.navy.mil>.

NREAO SCHEDULES DEER REDUCTION HUNT

The Depot Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Office will hold qualification firing for its deer management reduction program at Khe Sahn Range June 19; July 3, 17, 31; Aug. 14, 28 and Sept. 11.

Only 10-, 12-, 16- and 20-gauge shotguns will be permitted for the hunts, which are open to active duty and retired military, civilian employees and Rod and Gun Club members.

For more information, call NREAO at 228-3066.

DEPOT OUTDOOR POOL NOW OPEN DAILY

The Outdoor Pool is now open for the season Monday - Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. and 5 - 8 p.m. and on weekends from noon - 6 p.m.

It will also be closed every other Sunday for cleaning.

For more information, call 228-1506.

DEVIL DOG BIKE RACE SET FOR JUNE 25

The annual 22-mile Devil Dog Bike Race will be held June 25 aboard MCAS Beaufort. Registration is \$15 for active duty and \$20 for all others and includes a water bottle and T-shirt. The race will begin at 8 a.m. and will include road and mountain bike categories. Registration ends June 18.

For more information, contact Semper Fit at 228-7092.

Out in Town

SAND GNATS OFFER MILITARY DISCOUNT

The Savannah Sand Gnats take on the Columbus Catfish Saturday in Savannah, and military members receive a free hot dog, soda and chips with their \$4 admission.

Following the game will be the third of seven fireworks displays the team will have this season. The Sand Gnats also have daily specials including Kids Eat Free Wednesdays and 1/2 price beverages and \$1 pizza slices Thursdays.

For more information, visit www.sandgnats.com.

USAF 'BLUE ACES' TO PLAY IN HILTON HEAD

The United States Air Force Heritage of America Band, "Blue Aces," will be performing at Coligny Theatre at North Forest Beach on Hilton Head Island Monday at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 6 p.m.

For details, call 686-3500.

Weather



Friday
Scat. T-Storms
Hi 84 Low 70
Saturday
Scat. T-Storms
Hi 87 Low 72
Sunday
Scat. T-Storms
Hi 88 Low 73

NHB electrical upgrades spark future

LANCE CPL. BRIAN KESTER

STAFF WRITER

The Naval Hospital Beaufort is shining light on its aging electrical infrastructure. Upgrades are scheduled to significantly improve NHBs old system, that has been in place since 1949.

In an attempt to avoid any blackouts, NHB Public Works is significantly upgrading the electrical infrastructure adding to the security and peace of mind that comes with knowing the hospital will not have unexpected outages.

The scope of the work will require brief

scheduled outages at the hospital's emergency and operating room services.

"The first two outages will occur June 12 and 19 from 4 a.m. - 6 p.m.," said Patricia Binns, NHB Public Affairs officer.

A more extensive, 3-day outage will start June 25 at 11 a.m. and will run through June 27 at 7 p.m., added Binns.

The hospital will not be able to receive any ambulances during these times and will be deferring them to Beaufort Memorial Hospital along with emergency cases.

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NHB Power Outage

Naval Hospital Beaufort will send ambulances and emergency cases to Beaufort Memorial Hospital:

June 12 from 4 a.m. - 6 p.m.

June 19 from 4 a.m. - 6 p.m.

June 25, 11 a.m. - June 27, 7 p.m.

For acute care during the outages, contact a Primary Care Provider through NHB's Help Desk at 228-5600.

School's out for the summer ...



Lance Cpl. Justin J. Shemanski

With their backpacks in tow, Ellis O'Day, 6, and Josh Owens, 9, try to hide their excitement as they hop of their school bus, knowing they only have a few more days before school ends for the summer.

Arndt set to pass reigns to Hollings

LANCE CPL. DARTHONDA V. HALL

STAFF WRITER

Sergeant Maj. Robert C. Hollings will take over as Depot Sergeant Major for Sgt. Maj. Richard L. Arndt during a post and relief ceremony today at the Peatross Parade Deck.

Arndt, a former junior and senior drill instructor, drill master/squad leader at the Drill Instructor School aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, assumed his duties as Depot Sergeant Major Dec. 6, 2002.

The Geneva, Ohio native, who has been in the Marine Corps for more than 27 years, is relinquishing his post and receiving orders to become the sergeant major of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Va.

Throughout his Marine Corps career, Arndt completed a variety of assignments with different infantry battalions. His first assignment, at Company G, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, Camp Lejuene, N.C., started after he completed infantry training.

Although Arndt is excited about his new role in the Combat Development Command, he said he will miss a lot of things about the Marines aboard the Depot.

"The camaraderie among the Marines here is incomparable," said Arndt. "They work closer than any other Marines at any place that I have been assigned."

Depot Marines' mission is to train recruits and support recruit training. Arndt said it was his mission to make sure everyone was aware of that and to ensure that every Marine is here for the same reason.

"Parris Island is a small place in the Marine Corps, but it is also a big mission for the Marine Corps," Arndt added.

As he departs, his co-workers reflected on his personal intricacies that made him so vital to the Depot's mission.

"Watching Sergeant Major Arndt do what he does is spectacular. He comes at every situation with such velocity and enthusiasm and that causes others to be the same way about things," said Col. John Valentin, Depot Chief of Staff.

As Arndt finishes his 17th month as sergeant major aboard

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Special to The Boot
Sergeant Maj. Richard L. Arndt will pass command to Sgt. Maj. Robert C. Hollings in a change of command ceremony today.

G8 delays expected next week

MASTER SGT. ARTURO PRIOLETTA

PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHIEF

President George W. Bush will host the 30th G8 Summit at Sea Island, Ga., Tuesday - Thursday. Tri-Command personnel traveling to the Savannah area are advised to plan ahead for delays or avoid the area altogether during that week.

"Expect significant delays when traveling to Hilton Head Island and Savannah," said Maj. Nick Pugliese, Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection officer with G-3.

Pugliese also said service members should take precautions if in the area since protests have been planned for the week. Additionally, Pugliese suggests

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Depot wins purchase card award

Officials credit win to teamwork, good system of checks, balances

CPL. MATT BARKALOW

STAFF WRITER

For the second consecutive year, the Regional Contracting Office aboard MCRD/ERR Parris Island was presented with the "FY '04 U.S. Marine Corps Purchase Card Program of the Year" award in Orlando, Fla., May 20.

The award is presented annually to the command with the most "outstanding and consistent management" of its Purchase Card Program.

According to Jim Hardy, pur-

chase card supervisor of the RCO, some of the criteria for determining a winner among the seven commands in consideration were the program review process, responsiveness to data calls and monthly reporting, delinquency management, overall program management and oversight, and program innovations.

According to Wendy Reeves, Depot purchase card administrator, the government charge card, as it is commonly known, aids in the buying of low dollar value items.

"The card streamlines small purchases, minimizes paperwork, streamlines the payment process, and simplifies the administrative effort associated with traditional means of getting emergent supplies and services," Reeves said.

Hardy added the card offers supplies and services under \$2,500 and can be used for items ranging from administrative and office supplies, building materials, vehicle maintenance and recruit media advertising.

One such section on the Depot that benefits from the services of the purchase card is the Combat Visual Information Center. Personnel are able to buy a variety of necessary products for efficiency in their job.

"It is essential in getting the supplies needed for CVIC," said Lance Cpl. Jessica Carrough, fiscal clerk, CVIC Supply. "We purchase things like TVs, cameras and video equipment, as well as everyday consumables such as pens,

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